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RESPONSE AND DRAWING TRANSMITTAL

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 18, 2001, Applicants transmit herewith sixteen (16) sheets of formal drawings, Figs. 1 through 15. Subject to the Examiner's approval, Applicants respectfully submit that the formal drawings are in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.81-1.85. Applicants request that the drawings be filed in the above-referenced patent application. No new matter has been added. Please charge any fees in connection with this matter to Deposit Account 19-1945.

A sequence listing was filed on October 9, 2001, in the above-referenced application in response to the sequence requirement included with the Office Action mailed on September 18, 2001.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance. If a telephone conversation with Applicant's Attorney would expedite prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to call the undersigned at (617) 951-7000.

Respectfully submitted,

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